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SUBJECT: NPT

1. LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CONCLUDED FULL DAY OF DEBATE ON NPT AFTERNOON OF APRIL 23 WITHOUT TAKING A VOTE. VOTE ON TREATY NOW SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 27.

2. LDP HAD BEEN HOPING TO PUSH TREATY THROUGH COMMITTEE AND LOWER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION BY APRIL 24 IN ORDER TO ASSURE ITS AUTOMATIC UPPER HOUSE APPROVAL BY MAY 24 END OF DIET SESSION AND AVOID HASSLE IN UPPER HOUSE WHERE 4 OR 5 LDP MEMBERS ARE ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO TREATY. IF TREATY IS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE AND LOWER HOUSE PLENARY IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, IT MUST NOW RECEIVE UPPER HOUSE APPROVAL, UNLESS DIET SESSION IS EXTENDED BEYOND MAY 24 DEADLINE.

3. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME LDP VOICES IN FAVOR OF PUSHING TREATY THROUGH COMMITTEE OVER OPPOSITION OBJECTIONS, LDP LEADERSHIP APPEARS TO HAVE SHIED AWAY FROM "HIGH-HANDED" TACTICS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE RECENTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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